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Dear

ATISN 27368

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 August. You asked for the information as shown at Annex 1.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex 1

1. *How many people within the civil service are working specifically and solely on climate adaption and mitigation policy?*

Response:

Within Welsh Government Climate Division, 32.2 FTE are currently and wholly devoted to strategic climate adaptation & mitigation policy. The Climate Change team's role is to lead on the Welsh Government's overall strategic approach to climate mitigation and adaptation at national level, and to provide central support and coordination across government.

As climate change is a cross-cutting priority, a large number of different teams across Welsh Government beyond Climate Division own and resource the development of sector-specific policies for addressing the impacts of climate change (just for example, but not limited to – agriculture, food, historic environment, health and social care, planning, housing, flood management, transport). This will include some members of staff whose roles are wholly focused on climate change within those policy areas, or in some cases climate change is embedded into their roles alongside other considerations. These numbers are not held centrally by Welsh Government.

2. *A breakdown of civil servants that work on land use - by category e.g. farming, nature, urban/built infrastructure, marine - in-shore and off-shore.*

Response:

Property Infrastructure Division: 44 staff working on management and delivery of employment sites and premises.

Place Division: 35 staff.

Planning: 39 staff.

Environmental Protection Division: 3 staff.

Marine and Biodiversity Division: 28 staff.

Landscapes Nature & Forestry: 76 staff.

Mining Legacy, Water & Flood: 73 staff.

Agriculture: 61 staff.

Figures provided are based on areas most relevant to land use as identified centrally by HR. Given the broad nature of the term 'land use', there may be civil servants in other policy areas working on land use activities which were not possible to identify from centrally held records.

We are unable to categorise roles with sufficient precision into specific land use themes such as farming, nature, urban/built infrastructure, or marine (inshore and offshore). Consequently, any response should be treated with caution, as the results will depend on the intended definition and scope of "land use."